

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a cross reference to a related application. Claims have been amended so that they are directed to semiconductor structures, rather than methods. Other claims have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 8, 9, 14 and 20-22 are present and active in the application.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Novacek for indicating that claims 20-22 are allowed. All claims present have now been amended so that they depend from claim 20 and are directed to semiconductor structures.

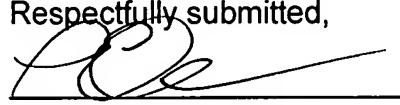
The objection to the specification has been obviated by appropriate amendment.

The objection to claims 23 and 24 has been obviated by the cancellation of these claims.

The rejection of claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been obviated by the cancellation of these claims.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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